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TERSELY TOLD

Thos. W. Griffith, of Bonifay, was among the business visitors to the city yesterday.

G. W. Vennelle, of Mobile, was among the visitors in the city yesterday.

W. V. Holmes left Tuesday on a business trip to St. Andrews and Millville.

Horace Bisbee, one of the prominent attorneys of Jacksonville, is in the city on legal business.

Mrs. Myrtle Bushnell, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. R. C. Irwin, at Point Rodicul, has returned to the city.

Bristol Bee: H. H. Boyer, of Pensacola, a prominent lumberman operating in various parts of West Florida, spent some time in this county this week.

Bristol Bee: L. L. Aymard, a prominent timber estimator of Milton, Fla., spent the greater part of this week in this county looking at timber lands.

Probably a dozen men in this town never read any of the want ads, except those of "Real Estate For Sale," but they read these every day. Have you anything to say to them?

Judge Boykin Jones, who was mentioned yesterday morning as one of the applicants for the position of justice of the peace, made vacant by the resignation of Judge Landrum, is not a candidate for the office and has made no application for appointment.

The members of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia and Baldwin counties enjoyed a trip across the bay yesterday as the guests of Clerk McMillan. A fish dinner was served on the island and the party spent a most enjoyable day.

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SHRIMP TO-DAY

SOME OF THOSE FINE, HEADLESS SHRIMP AT JOE ROTH'S PHONE 154.

TUG OSCEOLA ARRIVES HERE TO TOW TARGETS

The big tug Osceola, in command of Chief Boatswain Fred Muller, arrived in port yesterday from Key West and is now at the navy yard. The vessel is here for the purpose of towing targets into the gulf for the Coast squadron, which will commence practicing with large calibre guns in a few days.

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RESOLUTION TO BUY WATERWORKS VETOED

Mayor Bliss Returned the Same to Council Last Night Without His Approval and Gave His Reasons for So Doing—Matter Held Up Until Next Meeting.

MUCH ROUTINE BUSINESS WAS TRANSACTED AT THE MEETING HELD LAST NIGHT, SEVERAL ORDINANCES BEING PASSED AND REPORTS OF OFFICERS HEARD.

The City Council met in regular session last night, transacting a large amount of business. Mayor Bliss presided and there were present Aldermen Cahn, Christie, Maura, McHugh, Reilly, Watson, Wright and Yonge. The minutes of the regular and special meetings were read and approved.

Vetoed Resolution.
Under the heading of communications from the mayor, Mayor Bliss read his veto of the resolution passed at the last meeting to purchase the plant of the Pensacola Water Works. He set forth his reasons for vetoing the resolution as follows:

"The Honorable Board of Aldermen City of Pensacola. Gentlemen—I have before me a resolution passed at the last regular meeting of the Council, giving notice to the Pensacola Water Works that the city will buy the said water works provided the water company will waive its right to one year's notice, the price to be fixed by arbitrators as provided by the franchise of said company.

A careful examination of the franchise granted the Pensacola Water Company discloses certain facts. Among these are:

First: The franchise granted is perpetual.

Second: The franchise is not exclusive, the city or other companies may build water works at any time.

Third: The city of Pensacola, by the franchise, is bound to pay Six Thousand (\$6,000) Dollars, a year for (50) years for the rent of one hundred (100) hydrants from the day that the Water Works was accepted by the city.

Fourth: The city has power to order an extension of the water mains at any time it sees fit by locating one fire hydrant upon each tenth of a mile of extension, for which it is bound to pay for the unexpired term of the franchise, whatever that may be, Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars a year for each hydrant for the first twenty hydrants and all over that at Forty (\$40.00) Dollars a year. The result of that is that the city has now to pay Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty (\$9,920) Dollars yearly to the Water Company, for fire hydrants.

Fifth: The city has the right and option to purchase the Water Works, all its properties, rights, incomes, emoluments, hereditaments, by giving one year's notice of such intention.

Sixth: The price to be paid by the city may be fixed by mutual agreement.

Seventh: In case the city and the Water Company cannot agree upon a price, then the price shall be fixed by a just and fair arbitration, in which the city shall select one disinterested person and the Water Company shall select a second disinterested person, and the two so selected shall select a third disinterested person, none of whom shall be residents of Pensacola and none of whom shall be interested in said Water Works; and these three, under oath, shall fix the price for the said Water Works to be paid by the city.

Eighth: The test for the completion of the Works any the acceptance of the fire service by the city was for the company to fill the standpipe until it overflowed, and then cutting off the standpipe and by direct pressure from the pumps to raise the pressure in the pipes to one hundred and fifty (150) pounds per square inch and to keep it at that pressure for two hours without causing breakage in the pipes or hydrants.

Ninth: The Water Company is bound to serve the city with water for fire protection continuously and to keep the Water Works in a maximum

state of repair and efficiency, which means of course, that they shall be able at any and all times to give to the city a pressure of one hundred and fifty (150) pounds per square inch.

Now, I wish to call the attention of the Council to the fact that the Pensacola Water Company has been charging the people for water at the rate of fifty (50) cents a thousand gallons, in addition to charging them a rental upon the meters that measure the water. This price is from five (5) to ten (10) times as much as is charged for water in large cities, and is from two (2) to five (5) times as much as is charged for water in many cities of the size of Pensacola. The result of these exorbitant charges can only tend to swell the income of the Water Company enormously and enable the Water Company to pay large dividends upon watered stock.

I was informed by the late Gen. Geo. Reese, former Tax Assessor of the County, that Mr. B. R. Pitt made a sworn statement to him that the cost of the Pensacola Water Company was about Sixty-eight Thousand (\$68,000) Dollars or, if I remember correctly, Sixty-seven Thousand and several hundred, the exact number of hundreds I do not remember, but think it was nearly Sixty-eight Thousand (\$68,000) Dollars.

These Water Works have been built about twenty (20) years, and many of the mains are, at the present time, much dilapidated, as is demonstrated by occasional bursting under the ordinary pressure now carried.

The pumps and engines have had twenty (20) years of usage and are practically to-day, fit for the junk pile and should be replaced with up-to-date and modern machinery embracing the improvements of the past twenty (20) years.

In the statement made to me by Mr. Reese regarding the affidavit of Mr. Pitt, who by the way, was claiming he had been taxed too high, Mr. Pitt stated that the standpipe had about lived its life-time and would soon have to be replaced with a new one. According to the opinion of experts, the water mains of the Pensacola Water Company are entirely too small to give good service, and to give adequate fire protection.

In order to have an up-to-date Water Works in the city the plant would have to be almost entirely rebuilt, with the exception of a few outlying mains. And, it is the opinion of men who have some knowledge of the works, that, if the city should pay Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars for the plant, the city would certainly get the worst and of the bargain, for it would be practically buying a junk pile, which it would have to get out of the way and replace with a new system.

Now, the question for this Council to decide, and it is a question that should be considered very carefully and without too much haste, is whether the city should avail itself of the privilege under the franchise, and buy the present Water Works, or whether it should take the money that has been voted and build a new Water Works.

There are two very desirable reasons for purchasing the Water Works and the first is, that city should own the old Water Works the city would get rid of any opposition in the business of furnishing the people with water, in other words it would eliminate competition. In the second place the city would save the large sum of money that it is paying out from year to year for the rental of fire plugs, which is almost wholly profit.

On the other hand there are serious objections to buying the Water Works. Unless the price be reasonable the city would gain very little to pay all of its money, or nearly all of it, for an old, worn out plant, because it would not have any more protection than it has now, and would have to wait several years before it would have the taxable property upon which to issue more bonds to get more money to improve the Water Works. And, as the Water Works will practically have to be rebuilt, it would be like beginning the thing anew.

Something over a year ago I went into this subject very carefully and I had estimates made of a new Water System, and I have in my possession a bid for the construction of a new Water Works for the city of Pensacola, which is more elaborate than the present system. And, which will give us a nest of fourteen inch mains in the heart of the city with outlying deadends, capable of giving a fire pressure of one hundred and fifty (150) pound per square inch, and a pumping capacity much greater than the present Water Works; all strictly first class and up-to-date for One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars. This bid is made by a responsible firm, and was understood to be an approximate the detailed specifications being liable to make it slightly more or, slightly less.

Personally, I am of the opinion that this estimate for such a plant as we need is rather low, in fact, I believe much too low. But, the fact remains that we can get a fine Water System everything in it new and complete and up-to-date throughout, much more comprehensive than the old system, for One Hundred Thousand (\$100,000) Dollars, and hence it will be seen that if the city should pay Fifty Thousand (\$50,000) Dollars for the old dilapidated plant that it would be taking hold of a very bad business proposition.

On the other hand we are met by the argument that we are paying Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty (\$9,920) Dollars a year rental. This would likely pay the interest on the sum that is probably sufficient to

buy the Water Works, and what the city should receive from the water users would then be so much gain. This argument looks very good on the face of it and would be very good if it were a fact that the Water Company's plant was new and would continue for a number of years, but, the very fact that, it would have to be rebuilt makes it an entirely different proposition.

The city had much better pay out Thirty Thousand (\$30,000) Dollars for rentals for the next thirty years, as per contract with the company, than to pay Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars for a plant that would last one third of thirty years. The saving in the purchase alone would be One Hundred and Seventy Thousand (\$170,000) Dollars, supposing the plant can be bought for Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars, or it is a saving of One Hundred and Twenty Thousand (\$120,000) Dollars to the people, provided the plant can be purchased for One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars, which figure I am informed, the plant is bonded at. So, though we may look at the matter any way we choose, the buying as proposed is a very bad business proposition.

The City can afford to pay the Pensacola Water Company the Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty (\$9,920) Dollars a year for the next thirty (30) years, if it be compelled to, because it can take its Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars and build an elegant Water System, up-to-date in every respect, which will give the city ample fire protection and give the citizens water at one-third the price they are now paying the old company, and out of its revenues, pay the contract to the old company. Hence, if it spends its money for the old company it will not have an up-to-date Water System, nor any money to buy one with, and will be but very little better off than it is at the present time.

In regard to the city having to pay this Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty (\$9,920) Dollars a year for the next thirty (30) years there is a very serious question in the first place the Pensacola Water Company has never lived up to its contract with the city from the beginning. The plant was never constructed according to franchise, but taking it for granted that the city is estopped from raising that question now by having used the Water Works for a long period of years without raising any question, it is still a fact made a part of the contract, that the company should give continuous service and keep the plant in a maximum state of repair and efficiency, which means that this company, in order to keep its contracts with the city must be able at any and all times to supply the city with a fire pressure of One Hundred and Fifty (150) pounds to the square inch.

It will be remembered that the City Council last year investigated a destructive fire, in which the Winter Rest and three other buildings were destroyed, and in that investigation the president of the Pensacola Water Company testified that the Water Works was not able to stand to the square inch. Here is direct testimony from the company itself, showing the the company cannot live up to its contract with the city.

It is my candid opinion that the franchise of the Pensacola Water Company can be abrogated at any time that the city sees fit to carry

the matter into court. However, I do not regard such action advisable at the present time.

I want to put myself on record at this time of being in favor of buying the physical property of the Pensacola Water Company.

I am in favor of paying every cent that the property is worth.

I am in favor of submitting the question of the value of the physical property of the Pensacola Water Company to a just and fair appraisal committee.

I want to go further and say that I will not oppose the giving to the Pensacola Water Company a bonus of Twenty (\$20,000) or Twenty-five (\$25,000) Thousand Dollars, to get them to give up their contract and get out of the road peacefully. But, I am decidedly opposed to paying three or four or five prices for a junk pile, and leave the people without money to build them an adequate and sufficient Water System.

A great many people have imagined that this provision in the Water Company's charter providing for the appointment of an Appraisal committee means that the appraisers will set a value on the Water Works according to the condition of the physical property of the Water Company. Reference to the charter shows that the city has the right and option to purchase the properties of the Water Company together with its rights, together with its incomes, together with its emoluments, and together with its hereditaments. This means nothing more nor less than this committee shall take into consideration the profits of said company and the value of its franchise. The committee cannot do otherwise. When the committee is organized and the water Company comes before it with its books and shows that the Water Company is bonded for One Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$150,000) Dollars, and that it has paid interest on these bonds, and that it has made large money's outside of this which have been divided into salaries of invested or otherwise disposed of; in other words the Water Company shows that the profits of the company make a paying investment at Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) Dollars, or perhaps more, then the committee has nothing to do but to decide that the price of the Water Works shall be Two Hundred Thousand (\$200,000) or Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$250,000) Dollars or perhaps more, and the city is bound by the terms of the contract to abide by the decision of the committee.

Furthermore, I consider it very unwise for the city to give any notice to the Pensacola Water Company of any intention to buy the Water Works, and to appoint such appraisal committee as provided for in the franchise granted to said company; because, as before outlined, such appraisal must take into consideration the various things mentioned, and must place a value on the Water Works accordingly, and the city is bound to accept the same.

A much better plan for the city to follow is for the city to proceed to make arrangements for the construction of an entirely new plant. It is very probable that the present company would become very desirous of selling and would probably make figures at which the city would be willing to buy. If it did not do so there would not be very serious objections to it continuing in business.

I recommend to the consideration of the Council the advisability of proceeding at once to get estimates upon the construction of a new Water Works System.

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